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REMARKS

Pursuant to paragraph 1 of the above-identified Office Action, the Examiner asserts that the application contains claims directed to more than one patentably distinct invention, namely:

- I. Claims 1-36 drawn to a distribution frame assembly, classified in class 361, subclass 826; and
- II. Claims 37-38, drawn to interconnection means for modules within a distribution frame, classified in class 361, subclass 803.

The Examiner requires restriction because Inventions I and II are related as sub-combinations disclosed as useable together in a single combination. However, the sub-combinations are separately useable because the distribution frame assembly (Invention I) has separate utility as a distribution frame not using the specific cable routing technique of the interconnection means (Invention II).

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants hereby ELECT without traverse the invention identified by the Examiner as Invention I. Claims 1-36, drawn to a distribution frame assembly for further prosecution on the merits.

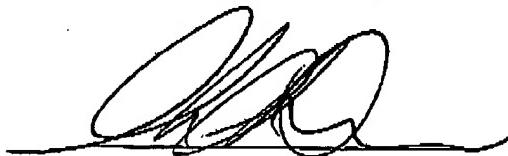
This response being fully responsive to the Office Action, Applicants submit that the application is now in condition for examination on the merits, and the undersigned respectfully solicits such action on their behalf.

This response does not result in more independent or total claims than paid for previously. Accordingly, no fee for excess claims is due. The Examiner is hereby authorized to charge any other fee due in connection with the filing of this response to Deposit Account No. 19-2167. If an extension of time not already accounted for is required with this response, Applicants hereby

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petition for such extension of time and the Examiner is likewise authorized to charge the petition fee to Deposit Account No. 19-2167.

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